GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:406
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000
TELEPOHONE CONNECTIONS
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in different categories in the country ;

(b) whether any special efforts are being made to clear the backlog;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the telephone connections are proposed to be provided to all the wait listed persons in the country;

(d) the total number of waitlisted persons Imphal as on March 31, 2000; and

(e) the time by which the backlog is likely to be cleared in the city?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARAS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 406 FOR 24th APRIL 200
REGARDING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS

(a) The number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in different categories in the country as on 31.3.2000 are as follows:

OYT	7839
N-OYT	3672876
TOTAL	3680715

(b) & (c) Yes sir. Steps are being taken to clear the backlog and make telephone available on demand by March 2002. 49.18 lakh new telephone connections were provided against target 45.50 lakh during 1999-2000 and annual target for the current year has been increased to 55.80 lakh . For this purpose, new telephone exchanges are being opened and existing exchanges are being expanded.

(d) & (e) The total number of waitlisted persons in Imphal as on March 31, 2000 is 2487 and these persons are likely to be provided telephone connections progressively during current financial year.